

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 05 June 2020

Cashless Debit Card region	Income Support Payment													Total Participants	Per cent Indigenous	
	Abstudy (Living Allowance)	Austudy	Carer Payment	Disability Support Pension	JobSeeker Payment*	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Partner Allowance	Sickness Allowance	Special Benefit	Widow Allowance	Wife Pension (Age)	Youth Allowance			Volunteer
Ceduna region SA	<5	<5	44	171	521	46	115	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	974	75%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	70	324	832	80	282	0	0	0	0	0	93	<5	1,688	81%
Goldfields region WA	11	n.p.	188	559	1,865	112	675	<5	0	0	0	0	182	<5	3,602	47%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	2,739	460	1,889	0	0	0	0	0	1,348	0	6,436	17%

Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 05 June 2020

Community panels (Section 124PK of the Act), or community bodies, operate in the Ceduna SA region and the East Kimberley WA region, with the East Kimberley region having two community panels operating in Kununurra and Wyndham. The number of not approved decisions includes withdrawn applications. The number of applications and the number of decisions may not be the same as some decisions may not have been made on an application at the time of extracting the data.

Community Panel (Body) decisions	Applications	Approved		Not Approved	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	191	148	56%	43	67%
East Kimberley region WA	52	15	n.p.	37	70%

Table 3. When someone is not subject to cashless welfare arrangements:

Well-Being Exemptions (Section 124PHA of the Act) as at 05 June 2020

If being a Cashless Debit Card program participant would pose a serious risk to a person's mental, physical or emotional wellbeing, the Secretary of the Department of Social Services (or delegate) can provide the person with an exemption from participating in the program. This is known as a well-being exemption.

Well-Being Exemptions	Applications	Approved		Not Approved	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	44	33	18%	11	45%
East Kimberley region WA	47	34	59%	13	n.p.
Goldfields region WA	142	102	19%	40	18%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region Qld	25	11	n.p.	14	57%

Table 4. When someone is not subject to cashless welfare arrangements:

Exits (Section 124PBH of the Act) as at 05 June 2020

A person can apply to exit the program if they can demonstrate reasonable and responsible management of their affairs, including financial affairs, in accordance with the criteria set out in the legislation.

Exits	Applications	Approved		Not Approved		Withdrawn	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	34	6	n.p.	0	0%	<5	100%
East Kimberley region WA	72	5	n.p.	7	n.p.	<5	n.p.
Goldfields region WA	254	52	17%	34	38%	7	n.p.
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	431	64	n.p.	30	n.p.	18	n.p.
Out of area	351	14	n.p.	19	58%	<5	n.p.

Notes

1. Additional information on legislation, Cashless Debit Card, location, data confidentialisation and data caveats can found in Cashless Debit Card metadata update.
2. * Table 1 only shows CDC participants actively receiving a trigger payment by location. Participants not receiving a trigger payment due to temporary or permanent cancellation, transition between payment types or having recently aged out of eligibility for their CDC region at the time of data extraction are not included in the data.
3. *In Table 1, JobSeeker Payment replaced Newstart Allowance on 20 March 2020 as the main working age payment for those aged 22 years to Age Pension age. Recipients who would have previously claimed Newstart Allowance, Bereavement Allowance or Sickness Allowance will now claim JobSeeker Payment.
4. **In Table 4, the program regions represent where a person has reported to be living at the time of their application. All other program regions in this document represent where a person was living when they were placed on the program.